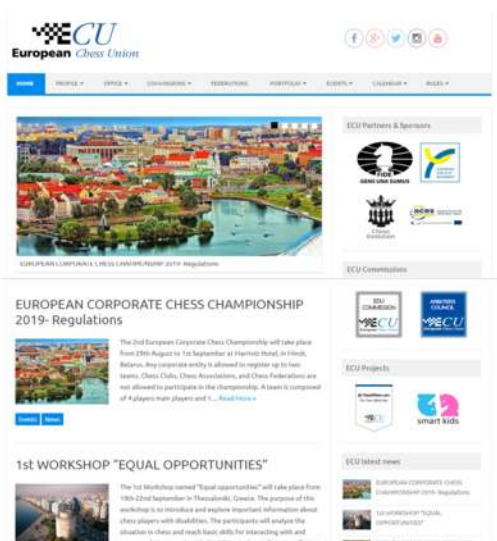


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AMO Galaxias Sports Club
285, V. Olgas Street, Thessaloniki, Greece

Organisers:



ECU WEBSITE HAS A NEW DRESSING



ECU has a new website.

We are delighted to inform you about the launch of the updated ECU Website www.europechess.org which offers a new design, more information, and additional technical abilities. Among them the better visibility in mobile phones and the creation of sub-websites for our commissions, events and projects.

Already, ECU Educational Commission edu.europechess.org and ECU Arbiters Council arbiters.europechess.org operate their own sub-websites which are under development.

European Chess Union has its seat in Switzerland, Address: Rainweidstrasse 2, CH-6333, Hunenberg See, Switzerland

European Chess Union is an independent association founded in 1985 in Graz, Austria; European Chess Union has 54 National Federation Members; Every year ECU organizes more than 20 prestigious events and championships.

www.europechess.org
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Moreover, we present you the new ECU web-based project **ChessWhere.com**. The project is under development and by the completion of the first construction phase will include 5000 chess locations in Europe (currently around 500) and will offer mini websites to all chess entities.

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European School Chess Champions 2019 announced

After 10 days of harsh struggles at the European School Chess Championship 2019, the event was declared closed on the Closing ceremony, and the European School Chess Champions were announced.

The Closing Ceremony of the event was attended by the President of European Chess Union, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, and ECU Treasurer, Mr. Ion Dobronauteanu.



Official Website
of the event



In Open section for the youngest players, Open U7, the Winner became Tatvidze Davit (GEO) who scored perfect 9 points out of 9 games!

Karimli Yusif (AZE, 1401) took the first place in Open U9 section, with convincing maximum score 9/9.

In Open section U11, top seeder, Samunenkov Ihor (UKR, 1972), took gold with score of 7.5 points.

Silich Yahor (BLR, 2170) became the Winner of Open U13 section with score of 7.5 points.

Ognean Mihnea-Ionut (ROU, 2260) triumphed in Open U15 category scoring 8.5 points.

In Open section U17, Schitco Ivan (MDA, 2437) took gold medal with 7.5 points.

Uygun Alara (TUR) triumphed in Girls section U7, with impressive 9 points.

In Girls section U9, Mgeladze Kesaria (GEO, 1336) came on the top of the list with 7 points.

Zhapova Yana (RUS, 1864) took victory in Girls U11 section with score of 8 points.

Karaivnova Petya (ECU, 1655) came on the first place in Girls U13 section, scoring 7.5 points.

Obada Ema (ROU, 1889) became the Winner of Girls U15 section with score of 7.5 points, a point and a half ahead of the followers.

Girls section U17 was merged with open section due to the lack of participants. After 9 played rounds, Celik Eylul (TUR, 1840), Verbin Valentina (MDA, 1961) and Sahin Hayrun Nisa (TUR, 1771) tied for the first place, each with 4.5 points. Tiebreaks decided that gold goes to Celik Eylul, silver to Verbin Valentina and bronze medal to Sahin Hayrun Nisa.

Besides the main event, the blitz Championship took place on the 4th of June. The European School Chess Championship 2019 took place from 30th May- 9th June in Mamaia, Romania. The event took place in Constanta Exhibition Center and the organizers provided the live transmission of the top boards.

ESCC 2019

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Winners of Open section U15



Winners of Girls U7 section



Winner of Open U17 section



Winners of Girls U13 section



ECU PRESIDENT IN SLOVENIA

President of European Chess Union, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, paid a working visit to Slovenia.

On the 20th of June, ECU President met with Slovenian Minister of Education, Science and Sports, Prof Dr. Jernej Pikal and the President of the National Chess Federation of Slovenia, Dr. Brglez Milan. The meeting took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

After the meeting, ECU President inspected the playing venue of European Individual Chess Championship 2020, which shall take place from 17th-30th May 2020 in Maribor, Slovenia.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili also participated and won the 22nd edition of Pirc Memorial, which took place on Saturday, the 23rd of June, in Maribor, Slovenia. He scored 9.5 points, full point ahead of the runner ups.

The event was played in 11 rounds, Swiss system with a total prize fund of 2.200 EUR, with participation of 127 players coming from 17 European federations.





FIDE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD MEETING

The 2nd Quarter FIDE Presidential Board Meeting took place on June 28-29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

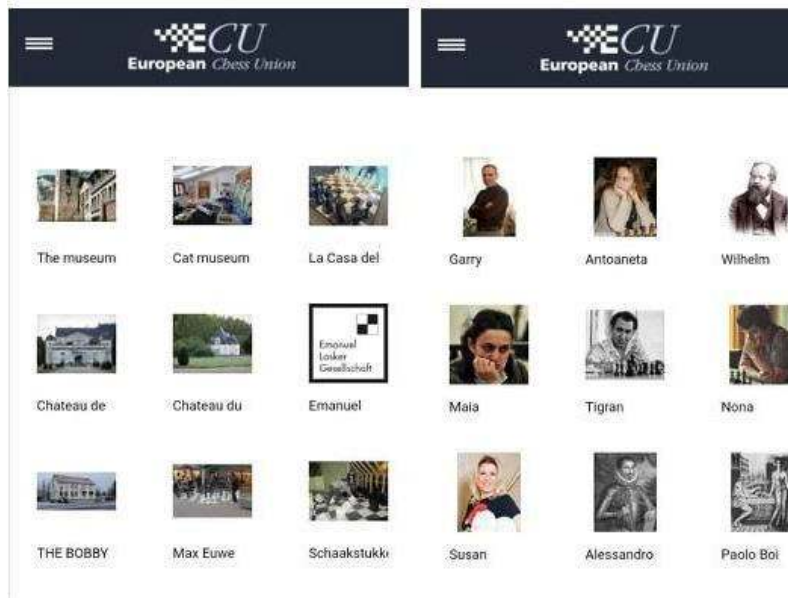
ECU President Zurab Azmaiparashvili represented the European Continent. The agenda of the two-day meeting included the proposal of reducing the membership fees for the federations, dress code topic, the hosts of the future FIDE events and new memberships among the other questions.

The agreement of the cooperation between FIDE and the Chess Federation of Azerbaijan is planned to be signed. It will mainly cover children's chess and social projects. Arkady Dvorkovich expressed his gratitude to the organizers of the Presidential Board meeting in Azerbaijan.



More information about FIDE Presidential Board meeting are available on the FIDE Website





@ ChessWhere.com the Chess Global Map

ECU is pleased to announce the new web-based project Chesswhere.com. Chesswhere.com is an online platform & Google maps application which presents the main Chess locations in Europe, and later in all world, (federations, museums, historical places, clubs, pubs & cafes).

Through Chesswhere.com the user has the opportunity to find a location, use a GPS system to visit it and receive important information.

The same time the application presents the European Chess Heritage, connecting chess places in Europe, Chess legends & Chess Olympiad venues. Additionally, all the chess entities located in the map will have the possibility, after registering, to create with its own control panel a mini-website giving more information to the public.

The development of the project started in December 2018 and the first presentation was made during the ECU General Assembly in March 2019, in Skopje, North Macedonia. The project is still in the development phase and more locations, features are scheduled to be added as also technical improvements to be made.

The users have the opportunity through the search menu either to filter the locations by theme on the map or to go to search results and receive more information.



Join the Map!

Chess clubs or other entities which are not placed yet in the map may send the following information to the ECU Secretariat:

ecu.secretariat@gmail.com

- Chess Club Name
- Chess Club Full location
- Chess Club Coordinates – not mandatory (Find it using Google maps) and send us x and y coordinates of their location).
- Chess Club Country
- Chess Club City.
- Chess Club Logo.
- Chess Club Website Link.

#Development FA and IO Seminars in Trieste

The European Chess Union, with the cooperation of the Italian Arbiters' Commission on behalf of Italian Chess Federation and the FIDE Development Commission, organises a multiple-field training event specially dedicated to female participants, from 1st-7th September in the city of Trieste, Italy.

The objective of the event is to develop women's activity in Chess as per the priorities set by the European Chess Union for the available FIDE Development Fund for Europe.

Hence, the European Chess Union hosts two Seminars: FA Seminar and IO Seminar to be held concurrently with the Trieste International Chess Festival that runs on September 01-08, 2019, in the City of Trieste, with special provisions for 40 places for female participants funded through the program.

For those 40 places, will be covered full board accommodation and FIDE exam fee. Both Seminars will be held in the English language.

The seminars will be hosted in Ippodromo di Montebello, Piazza de Gasperi 4, Trieste TS – Italy c/o the Restaurant Hall. Official Hotel of the seminars will be Hotel Milano, located in Trieste, Italy. For each Seminar 30 places are available for participants from European Federations. Among them 20 places per seminar, 40 in total are funded by the project: female participants will be granted full board accommodation, free participation, and coverage of Fide Exam fee.



Trieste, Italy

The 40 free places for female participants will be selected according to the following criteria in order: Federations Members: one at least places out of 40 will be granted to each federation applies. Rest participants will be selected according to their chess experience & strength. One female applicant may apply for one or both seminars but can be approved for one depending on the number of applications.

Applications for the seminars shall be sent on email: t.delega@gazeta.pl with a copy to ecu.secretary.general@gmail.com, before the registration deadline **Friday, July 19th.**

1st Workshop "Equal opportunities"

The 1st Workshop named "Equal opportunities" will take place from 19th-22nd September in Thessaloniki, Greece.

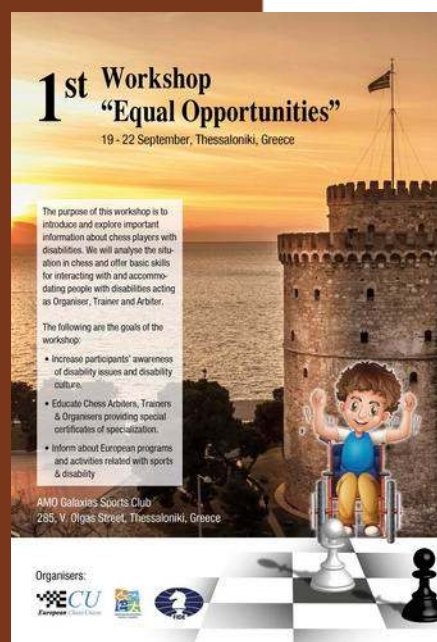
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The Workshop will take place in AMO Galaxias Sports Club in Thessaloniki, and is organized by European Chess Union, FIDE DIS Commission and Hellenic Sports Federation for Persons with Disabilities.

The detailed program & speakers will be announced in a later time. Information-Registrations: ecu.secretariat@gmail.com



The official invitation of the event may be found on the ECU website on the following link: <http://www.europechess.org/1st-workshop-equal-opportunities/>





Travel Subsidy for Teams' Captains/ Trainers

By the request of the European Chess Union and approval by the FIDE Development Commission, support of 25,000 euro will be distributed to 10 European Federations which will take part in the European Team Chess Championship 2019, in Batumi, Georgia (23rd October – 3rd November 2019).

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he subsidy will amount 2500 euros for each federation application approved by the ECU and concerns the total expenses for a trainer/captain (travel, hotel expenses, and 1000 euros stipend).

For the support eligible to apply are the European Federations which are placed in the FIDE development levels 2 to 5. ECU invites those federations, to express their interest to the European Chess Union by a letter till Friday 19th of July 2019, 16.00 CET.

In the letter shall be included the name of the Trainer/Captain who shall be a licenced FIDE Trainer and if the federation will compete in open or women section or both. If the number of requests exceeds the ten (10 x 2500 euros), ECU will select the applications with the following criteria in order:

1. Lowest development level from 5 to 2
2. The applicant federation competes also with a women team.
3. The level and experience of the proposed Captain/Trainer

Eligible European Federations to apply:

- 1 Austria 2
- 2 Belgium 2
- 3 Bosnia and Herzegovina 2
- 4 Estonia 2
- 5 Faroe Islands 2
- 6 Finland 2
- 7 Ireland 2
- 8 Lithuania 2
- 9 Luxembourg 2
- 10 Moldova 2
- 11 Monaco 2
- 12 Montenegro 2
- 13 North Macedonia 2
- 14 Portugal 2
- 15 Scotland 2
- 16 Slovakia 2
- 17 Albania 3
- 18 Andorra 3
- 19 Kosovo 3
- 20 Malta 3
- 21 Wales 3
- 22 Cyprus 4
- 23 Guernsey 4
- 24 Jersey 4
- 25 Liechtenstein 4
- 26 San Marino 4

ETCC 2019

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#Development CIS seminars

European Chess Union organized Development School Chess Teacher Seminar from 22nd-23rd June in Pristina, Kosovo*, and the second seminar will take place from 7th-8th August in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Contact of the courses is as follows: Didactic methods: SMART® method, questioning techniques, playing method, thinking skills, code of conduct, arranging class tournaments, mini-games, social formats, problem-solving, planning terms and lessons. Attendees may be Teachers, teaching assistants, school chess tutors, with basic knowledge of chess.

Courses draw upon decades of experience by European chess teaching experts who have trained thousands of teachers across Europe. The pedagogical approach has been validated by ECU Academic Advisory Board comprising leading international professors. Trainers of the course in Pristina, Kosovo* was John Foley – Secretary of ECU EDU Commission and Jesper Hall will be the Teacher of the course in Slovakia – Chairman of ECU EDU Commission.

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he Seminars are providing a certificate recognizing that participants have met the required level of chess knowledge and understanding of didactical methods for teaching chess in schools. The seminars are supported by the FIDE development fund.

The seminar in Bratislava is open and free for all female participants as also Small Nations Participants (FIDE Zone 1.10).

The courses deploy chess as a vehicle to teach thinking skills such as problem-solving and logical analysis. The methods presented are suitable for pupils from age 8 and older.



Registrations for the seminar in Bratislava, Slovakia may be done online on the following link:

<https://chessplus.net/ecu-course-graduates/>.





ECU School Chess Teacher Seminar in Pristina, Kosovo*



The Kosovo Chess Federation is the newest member of the European Chess Union. They are keen to develop chess which has long been part of their culture. When Zurab Azmaiparishvili visited Pristina in May, he signed an agreement with the Federation President Nyret Avdiu to support and promote chess in Kosovo.

The first fruit of this support was to arrange an ECU School Chess Teacher Training Course in conjunction with FIDE which funded the course from their Development Fund. The course took place in the capital Pristina on 22/23 June. It was presented by John Foley from ChessPlus supported by Majlinda Pilnici from the Albanian Chess Federation.

We were also assisted by two professional interpreters: Inan Mahmuti and Hysni Recica. An ECU record large number of 36 people attended the course from all over the country of whom 13 were school teachers and 4 were women.

The event took place in the Grand Hotel in the centre of town during a hot spell of weather made bearable by the air conditioning and distribution of bottles of cold water. Burhan Misini, the Federation general secretary, organised the event efficiently with the tables arranged in cabaret style with name place cards. Pairing cards and Berger tables were also prepared in Albanian. There was also a large space in the foyer where the group could expand for the practical exercises.

John Foley brought lanyards and name badges as well as the magnetic name plates used in the chess ladder exercise on the magnetic white board. There was a high spirit during the course with one participant remarking that Kosovo really needed courses like this. Most of the participants had not taught chess in schools but were looking forward to spreading the game to the next generation. Another participant described the concept of the course was to make children love chess and then later they can improve their strength if they want. It was clear that the participants enjoyed experiencing the wide range of minigames, chess variants and social chess formats.

Two videos were watched with considerable interest. One was from the ECU: "Chess makes children smarter!" and the other was from the Albanian Chess Federation describing their Chess in Schools project. It is hoped that this will be available in English soon. At the end of the course, the participants took a written test, translated into Albanian. No concessions were made in the marking.

Fortunately, it was a strong group and everybody passed albeit closely in some cases. The Federation, in the spirit of transparency, posted the scores on Facebook. Photographs of people with their ECU Certificates were posted on social media. The course was well received and there is already a request for more courses in Kosovo and Albania in the next year. Special thanks to Agon Berisha for being the kind host to the visitor from London.



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FUTURE CHAMPIONS OF EUROPE

European Chess Union and Judit Polgar Chess Foundation partner to organise the tournament “Future Champions of Europe” as a part of the annual Global Chess Festival.

The event will take place on 12th October 2019 in Hungarian National Gallery, in Budapest, Hungary.

Talented chess players born 1st January 2007 or later with a FIDE rating of 1800 or higher (on the 1st July FIDE rating list) are eligible to participate. Due to the capacity of a venue, a limited number of participants may enter the competition and pre-registration is required.

Registration deadline is 15th September 2019, and registrations may be done online through the official website of the festival: www.globalchessfestival.com. The applicants will receive confirmation from the organizers and the participants will be listed at the official website on 30th September 2019. Entry fee is free of charge for all participants and the organization will offer a free 2-night stay for foreign players with a FIDE rating of at least 1950.

Young talents registered for the event will play the tournament in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control: 10 minutes for each player plus 2 seconds of an increment per each move, starting from the move one.



The winner of the event will be invited to visit the 82nd edition of the world-famous Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2020 in Wijk aan Zee, The Netherlands. This prize includes 2 round-trip tickets from his/her home country (winner and accompanying person) + a double room for 2 nights on the weekend of the 18th and 19th January in Wijk aan Zee. This includes entrance to the playing area and 'behind the scenes' access as well as an opportunity to make the first move for one of the rounds! The runner up will meet top chess Grandmasters and compete at one of the biggest European chess opens in 2020. The third prize winner will receive a wooden chess set and board signed by the Legend GM Judit Polgar herself.



Contact information

For more information about the event, please contact the organization:
info@globalchessfestival.com.

The 5th Global Chess Festival will be held with the spirit of Polgar's personal motto, “#Chess Connects Us”.



European School Chess Individual Cup 2019

European School Chess individual Cup 2019 based on combined system (classic, rapid, blitz) will take place in Ulcinj, Montenegro from 11th-20th October 2019.

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he European Chess Union (ECU), International School Chess Union (ISCU) and Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF), have the honour of inviting all National Chess Federations of the European Chess Union and eligible players in the EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS INDIVIDUAL CUP 2019 on combined system (classic, rapid, blitz) organised in Ulcinj, Montenegro from 11 October (arrivals) to 20 October 2019 (departures).

The event will be played in 5 age categories: U7, U9, U11, U13 and U15, open and girls separately. Each National Federation or School Association or schools may enter an unlimited number of players in each of the 10 age groups. In case that one girl group is less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same open age group category. Entry forms must be sent from the National Federations or the players and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than 10 September 2019. If the registration form is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation.

Official venue and hotel of the Championship will be: KARISMA HOTELS ADRIATIC MONTENEGRO 4*.

The tournament will be held according to the Combined System: ■ Six days for Classic tournament (nine rounds) (90 minutes for all game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1); ■ One day for Rapid tournament (15 min. for game with 10 sec. for each move); ■ One day for Blitz tournament in each age group (3 min. + 2 sec. for each move).

After 9 rounds in tournament with Classic time-control in each age group players will be divided on group A and group B.

■ Group A will be consist from players who have place from 1 to 8 in the standing after 5 rounds.
■ Group B will be consist from other players. Eight players from groups A will continue to play in rapid in Olympic System (3 double rounds with Armageddon in each round if needed) and blitz in Robin System (7 double rounds). Players from groups B will continue to play in rapid (7 rounds) and blitz (14 rounds) in Swiss System.

Competitions are provided as test tournament during 2018-2020 years and in case of success will be included in ECU Regulations.

CONTACT

Official website of the event

The official website is:
<http://www.sahcg.me/schoolcup2019>

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Goryachkina Alexandra wins FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament

Twenty years old Russian Grandmaster, Goryachkina Alexandra (RUS, 2522), convincingly won the FIDE Women's Candidates tournament 2019 and qualified for the FIDE World Chess Champion match, where she will meet reigning World Champion, Ju Wenjun (CHN, 2592).



Second place went to Anna Muzychuk



Third place went to Kateryna Lagno

Goryachkina scored impressive 9.5 points out of 14 played games and won the event with 2 rounds to spare. Even though she lost in the last round against Mariya Muzychuk (UKR, 2563), Alexandra Goryachkina triumphed with a point and half ahead of the first runner-up.

Anna Muzychuk (UKR, 2539) secured silver medal with draw in the last round and took the second place with 8 points.

Lagno Kateryna (RUS, 2554) and Tan Zhongyi (CHN, 2531) tied for bronze, each with score of 7 points. According to the tiebreaks, Lagno Kateryna took bronze.

The Candidates Tournament took place in Kazan, Russia, from 29th May- 19th June, 2019. Eight strongest female grandmasters played in the competition with a prize fund of 200.000 Euros: The participants are Mariya Muzychuk (UKR, 2563), Kateryna Lagno (RUS, 2554), Alexandra Kosteniuk (RUS, 2546), Anna Muzychuk (UKR, 2539), Aleksandra Goryachkina (RUS, 2522), Tan Zhongyi (CHN, 2513), Nana Dzagnidze (GEO, 2510), and Valentina Gunina (RUS, 2506).

@Photos from the Official Website of the event



Interview with a Winner- Goryachkina Alexandra



ZAGREB GRAND CHESS TOUR

The second stop of the 2019 Grand Chess Tour and one of the first two classical events takes place from 26th June-8th July in Zagreb, Croatia.



World Chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen, and the Prime Minister of Croatia, Andrej Plenkovic, playing the game on the Opening ceremony of the event.



The Mimara Museum in Zagreb hosted the opening ceremony, while the tournament games will be played at the historical Novinarski Dom building, permanent head office of the Croatian Journalists Association. The Opening ceremony of the event was attended by Prime Minister of Croatia, Mr. Plenkovic Andrej, Science and Education Minister, Blazenka Divjak, Culture Minister, Nina Obuljen Korzinek, Tourism Minister, Gari Cappelli, ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, the chess legend Garry Kasparov and the FIDE Vice President Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky.

On this occasion, Croatian Prime Minister, Andrej Plenkovic, said: "In the days ahead Zagreb will be the world capital of chess. I hope this tournament has a positive effect on young people and I thank Garry Kasparov for helping ensure that it is held in Zagreb.", and played an opening ceremonial game against World Chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen.

The participants of the Croatia Grand Chess Tour are: World Chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen (NOR), Viswanathan Anand (IND), Levon Aronian (ARM), Fabiano Caruana (USA), Ding Liren (CHN), Anish Giri (NED), Karjakin Sergey (RUS), Mamedyarov Shakhriyar (AZE), Hikaru Nakamura (USA), Ian Nepomniachtchi (RUS)- the winner of the first leg of the 2019 GCT, Wesley So (USA) and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (FRA).

The event will be played as a 11 rounds Robin round tournament, with classical time control, with a total prize fund of 325.000\$. The first game starts today at 16:30 (local time) and LIVE broadcast is available through the official website of the event.

Grand Chess Tour 2019

Official website of the event:

<https://grandchesstour.org/2019-grand-chess-tour/2019-croatia-grand-chess-tour>

GOLDEN YOUTH CUP 2019

The 1st Vinnytsia International Golden Youth Cup takes place from 3rd-7th July in Vinnytsia, Ukraine.

The event will be played in 5 age categories: U6, U8, U10, U12 and U14, and will be played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control: 1 hour and 30 minutes for the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

The event features 210 prizes and a total prize fund of the event is 20.000\$.

The 1st Vinnytsia International Golden Youth Cup is organized by Regional Chess Federation of Vinnytsia with the help of the host city, and supported by ECU and FIDE.

More than 600 children will participate the event, among whom are 39 players in the section for the youngest-U6, 138 players in U8 section, 170 players in U10 section, 165 players in U12 category and 104 players in category U14.

Golden Youth Cup will be played at shopping center "MEGAMOLL", located in the city of Vinnytsia.



1st Vinnytsia International Golden Youth Cup

About the event

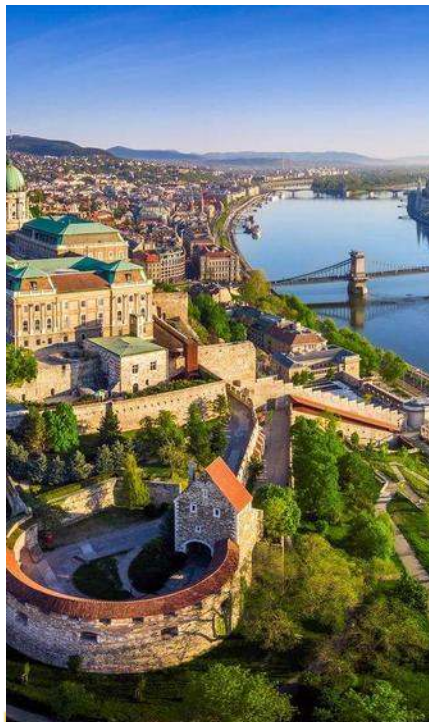
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The event takes place from 3rd-7th July at shopping center "Megamoll" located in the city of Vinnytsia.

European Youth Team Chess Championship

European Youth Team Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 10th-18th July in Pardubice, Czech Republic.

The event will be played in two age categories U12 and U18 in 7 rounds, Swiss system.



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The event is supported by European Chess Union.



European Universities Chess Championship

EUSA Universities Championships include this year, 22 sports competitions taking place across 15 European cities from June 23rd to September 7th, among which is the European Universities Chess Championship 2019, under the ECU auspices, will take place from 24th-28th July in Budapest, Hungary, during the European Universities Mindsports Championship.



FIDE GRAND PRIX SERIES, Riga, Latvia

Riga will become the world chess capital in July 2019. The second Grand Prix leg will be hosted at Latvian National Library from July 11 till 25. Grand Prix in Riga will continue Championship Cycle. 16 best chess players from different countries will come to Riga to compete for Candidates Tournament participation.



Dead position

Everybody knows that the game immediately ends with checkmate or stalemate, provided that the move producing it was legal (see 5.1.1, 5.2.1). The so called dead position doesn't get nearly as much attention, but it should be quite familiar to all arbiters, because its identification can change a result of a game.

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Article 5.2.2 states The game is drawn when a position has arisen in which neither player can checkmate the opponent's king with any series of legal moves. The game is said to end in a 'dead position'. It makes sense for this to also immediately end the game, since the ultimate goal of the game is no longer in reach for either player - the game is over.

The first position that comes to mind is two bare kings. Or that of king and knight vs. king, or king and bishop vs. king, etc. The game must end there; that is very clear to everybody. There is a slightly more complicated position seen in figure 1 (below). White is about to play c5, which leads to a dead position.

Even though there are many pieces on the board, it is not possible to win – to checkmate the opponent's king - because both kings are trapped on their respective sides and the pawns cannot move, so the game ends immediately after White makes the move c5. In such cases, the players usually don't protest and simply agree to a draw.

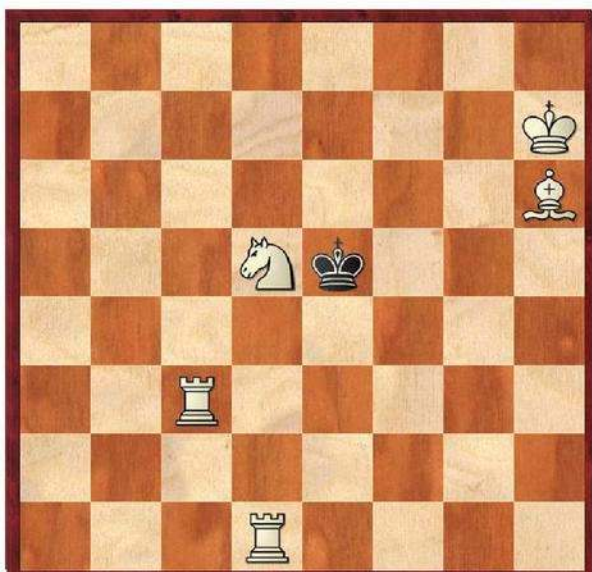
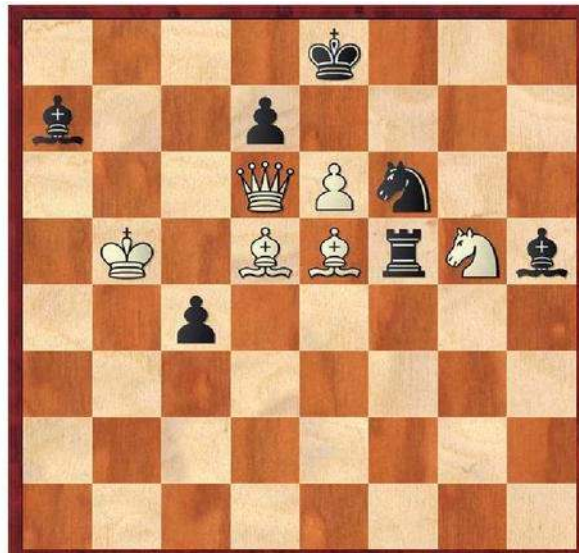
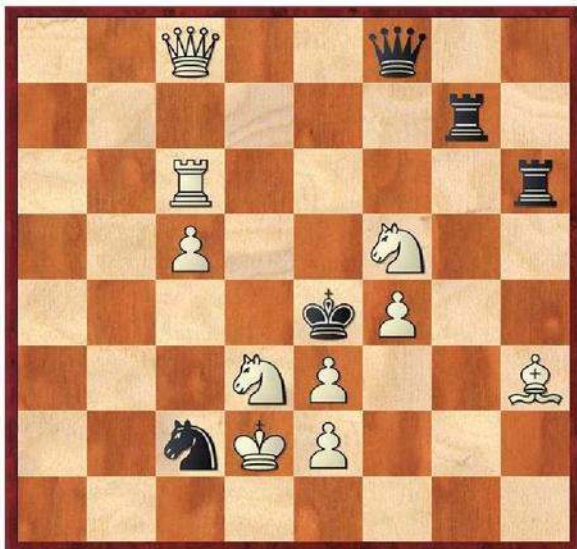
A problem may occur in cases such as the one in figure 2 (below). In this position, White went 48. Nc2+ which ends the game. It is no longer possible for either player to win, because the only series of legal moves is 48. ... Qxc2+ 49. Kxc2 stalemate. So if, for example, White's flag falls after the move Nc2+, it is a draw, because the game has already effectively ended. And if the arbiter observes such position it is his duty to declare a draw.



Figure 1:
Dead position after
the move c5



Figure 2: Dead
positiona after
the move Nc2+



The 1st World
 Chess
 Champion
**Wilhelm
 Steinitz**
 said about
 chess:

>Chess is intellectual gymnastics.

>Only the player with the initiative has the right to attack.

>Chess is so inspiring that I do not believe a good player is capable of having an evil thought during the game.

>A sacrifice is best refuted by accepting it.

>When you have an advantage, you are obliged to attack; otherwise you are endangered to lose the advantage.

>Chess is not for timid souls.

>A win by an unsound combination, however showy, fills me with artistic horror.

For this edition of the ECU monthly magazine, we prepared 4 mate in 3 positions! White is on the move!

Solutions from May

> Puzzle #1:

1. Qf6+ Kxc5 2. Qe7+ Kb6 [2...Kd4 3.Qb4#] 3. Qc7#

>Puzzle #2:

1. Nb6 c5 [1...Bxf6 2.Qxd7+ Bxd7 3.Nxc4#; 1...Nd3 2.Rxe6 dxe6 3.Nxc4#] 2. bxc5 Kc6 3.Qa8#

>Puzzle #3:

1.Nf5 Qxg6 [1...Bxc7 2.Rd4 Nxd4 3.Ne3#] 2.Re5 Kc4 3.Rc5

>Puzzle #4:

1.Na4 Nf5 [1...e4 2.Qg7 Nc6 3.Nc3#] 2.Bb6 Nxc3 3. Nc3#



"Chess is a meritocracy."